IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: PAHL, Heike

Art Unit: To Be Assigned

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For: The PRV-1 Gene and Use Thereof

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant herewith respectfully requests the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11.

Please add the following new claims:

12. An isolated N-glycosylated polypeptide comprising one of the following amino acid sequences:

amino acids 1-437 of SEQ ID NO:2;

amino acids 1-409 of SEQ ID NO:2;

amino acids 1-401 of SEQ ID NO:2;

amino acids 22-437 of SEQ ID NO:2;

amino acids 22-409 of SEQ ID NO:2;